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Grass Roots Venice Neighborhood Council

Board of Officers Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2005

1. Meeting was called to order by Yolanda Gonzalez
2. Roll call by Yolanda Gonzalez, 19 present including DeDe Audet, Colette Bailey, LJ Carusone, Sylviane Dungan, Yolanda Gonzalez, Michael King, Linda Lucks, Challis Macpherson, Brett Miller, Ingrid Mueller, Stan Muhammad, Richard Myers, Naomi Nightingale, Dianna Pollard, Phil Raider, Jan Sproull, Rebecca Tafoya, Mindy Taylor-Ross, Kelly Willis. Absent: CJ Cole, Peter Force.

LA City Councilman Bill Rosendahl inaugurated the current board. Councilman Rosendahl introduced staff members Mark Antonio Grant, Mike Bonin, Brodie Seagraves and Stephanie Zarro. Councilman Rosendahl urged the GRVNC to form Planning, Ocean Front Walk and Homeless Committees.

3. Approval of Minutes: No previous to approve.

Pam Anderson volunteered to serve as vote recorder, and Keith Harrison volunteered to serve as Parliamentarian.

4. Officers Reports: Treasures report was summarized by Phil Raider. Phil Raider moved to accept the report and forward it to DONE in order to initialize GRVNC funding. 2nd by Richard Myers. Discussion and a reading of the GRVNC By-laws noted that the proposed budget needed to pass through and be approved by The Budget Committee. As this had not been done the motion was withdrawn.

Jim Smith, past Treasurer, spoke during public comment period about the requirement for a budget committee meeting.

Linda Lucks moved that the Budget Committee of the GRVNC meet on October 19th to consider the budget and that the community and the rest of The Board have the opportunity to review that and be ready to take the recommendation of the committee to the next public meeting of The Board. 2nd by Phil Raider.

Motion carried 16 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions.

Discussion followed regarding the make up and conduct of the budget committee.

4. Public Comment, 20 minutes of Public Comment

Ken Alpern, MVCC member and transit advocate ask for Education Committee to be formed

Dawn Hollier circulated a flier and info re Venice Unchained which seeks to bar chain store operations on Abbot Kinney Blvd and Ocean Front Walk.
www.veniceunchained.org

Laura Silagi requested that The GRVNC look into emergency systems and plans for Venice.

Emily Winters, Chair of Venice Arts Council spoke about Mayors city wide service day which will be restoring 2 murals at Venice HS, and Day of the Dead celebration at SPARC end of November, upcoming cultural events.

Suzanne Thompson spoke to lack of sound system set up, and requested that The Board look into issues still outstanding from previous board agendas.

Geoffrey Collins showed a model and described a beautification plan for the intersection of Main St. and Royal Ct., across from the binocular building. Contact is kachina@cityrepair.org.

Sophia Soil related an incident involving Falcon Security and her son at 664 Brooks Ave. which included an eviction threat and an LAPD call at the property. She requested that GRVNC look into the security matter.

Pam Anderson also requested the GRVNC look into the behavior of Falcon Security and a shooting incident at 664 Brooks Ave.

Rick Selan education advocate proposed that GRVNC form an education committee such as he has been working with at MVCC. He would like to make a presentation to The Board for an education council.

Fred Dewey of Beyond Baroque urged the board to work with The Venice Arts Council and to form an Arts sub-committee.

5. Committee Reports:

Executive Committee. DeDe Audet The not yet installed Executive Committee met, ad hoc to establish the agenda for the evenings meeting. The ad hoc committee nominated LJ Carusone to chair The Rules & Election Committee.

6. Special Reports, no reports submitted.

7. Consent Calendar, no items submitted.

8. New Business

- A. Challis Macpherson moved for the approval of LJ Carusone as Chair of Rules and election committee. Linda Lucks, 2nd.
LJ Carusone introduced himself and gave a brief bio and spoke to his concerns about the current by-laws and the need for community involvement.

Motion carried 16 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions.

- B. District Representatives appointed the following people to the LUPC:

District 1 rep Ingrid Mueller will serve.
District 2 rep Jan Sproull will serve.
District 3 rep Stan Muhammad will serve.
District 4 rep Mindy Taylor-Ross appoints Ann Giagni
District 5 rep Sylviane Dungan will serve.
District 6 rep Challis Macpherson will serve.
District 7 rep Brett Miller will serve.

- C. Nominations and election of 2 board members to The LUPC.

Challis Macpherson nominated Linda Lucks. Richard Myers nominated and Phil Raider.

Suzanne Thompson urged board members to not serve but to appoint community representatives.

Eleanor Arthur urged the LUPC to educate the community about planning issues and commented on the work load.

David Ewing also spoke about education and urged the district rep to seek out people to fill their seats.

David Moring noted that the board may be stacking The LUPC and urged the district rep to seek out people to fill their seats.

Sylviane Dungan expressed her desire to have any new by-laws committee review the LUPC section of the current by-laws.

Stan Muhammad noted that he will serve for now but that his real interest is in working on community issues.

Linda Lucks withdrew her nomination.

Phil Raider was elected to the position 16 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions.

Richard Meyers nominated Michael King to fill the 2nd position.
Jan Sproull nominated Rebecca Tafoya who declined.

Michael king was elected to the position 15 ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions

- D. The Board established that the regular meeting day will be the 3rd Tuesday of every month. The next regular meeting will be November 15, 2005. A regular meeting place to be secured.

The Board discussed the formation of ad hoc committees and the Brown Act requirements. The Board Members, based on the public comment period, suggested the formation of the following committees be put on a future Executive Committee meeting: parking, homeless, cleanliness, education, public safety, transportation, Neighborhood Council liaison, event planning, youth recreation, affordable housing,

arts, community building, Ocean Front Walk, children, and development.

9. Old Business, no items submitted.

10. Announcements

DeDe Audet distributed a budget survey from The Mayors office, and announced that there will be no reimbursements for any expenses incurred before our budget is approved by The City.

Ingrid Mueller urged us all to call the 311 city help line and report pot holes as part of The Mayor's pothole taskforce. Also informed us about a rally at Penmar Park in regards to the upcoming statewide special election, and an upcoming protest regarding Lincoln Place.

11. Public Comment

Ivan Spiegel urged The Board to have a more organized meeting format to ensure that meetings didn't last so long.

David Ewing urged The Board to hold shorter more organized meetings so that the agenda would actually be completed.

Deanna Stevenson of DONE was pleased to be at the meeting and offered he assistance to The Board.

Will Yaeger urged the formation of an environmental committee and was reminded that Conservation is a standing committee.

12. Meeting was adjourned at 9:41 pm